ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE DATE OF ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEES.

PRESIDENT: The House will elect two members each to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee for 1119, and four members to the R. W. D. Advisory Committee that is to be constituted afresh. The elections will take place on Thursday, the 5th August 1943. They will be held as usual after the business of the House for the day is over, under the Chairmanship of the Deputy-President or one of the panel of chairmen. The ordinary system of voting by ballot will be adopted.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND V—REGISTRATION.

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5460 under Demand V—Registration. As is given in the list of Demands for Supplementary Grants, a sum of Rs. 4,000 is intended for the purchase of articles of furniture for new clerks, about 250 in number, appointed in the Sub-Registry offices. The remaining sum of Rs. 1,460 is intended for travelling allowance to the members of the Chitties Act Committee and the Committee for the licensing of document writers. The report of the latter Committee has already been submitted to Government and the former will be submitted in a few days. I beg to request the House to grant the sum.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL.

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 30,223 under Demand XXIV—Medical. This is intended for the purchase of 1,150 lbs. of quinine from the Madras Government. The payment is so urgent that it is not possible to postpone it. I request therefore the House will allow this supplementary grant.

MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): In supporting this demand, I wish to know whether sufficient quantities of quinine will be supplied in the malarial areas.

PRESIDENT: We are very hard put to in getting quinine. We are pressing the Government of India to supply us quinine. In answer to our request for 3,000 lbs. we were offered 136 lbs. During my recent visit to Delhi I took the matter rather strongly with the Government of India and the Director-General of the Medical Services is coming here to see the situation himself. In the meanwhile we have got 1,150 lbs. from the Government of Madras, so that we are only 2,000 lbs. short.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Sir, may I have an idea of the price of quinine at present?

PRESIDENT: Is it necessary for the honourable member to know the price? The price in the open market is terrible. I would rather not give the price, but I can assure the honourable member that the Government will supply at the purchase price without making any profit at all.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I do not want to know the exact price. May I know at least the approximate price?

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